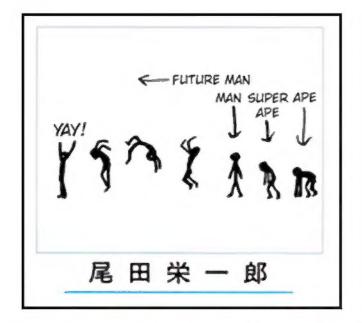


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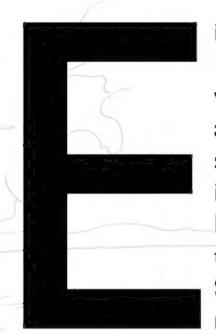


Should we think about "Evolution" today? Or should we not? Yes, let's take a look.

The ape became a man, just like in the drawing above. You can probably see how the ape's body starts to straighten up, little by little. Now then, let's look at the next man. As his body continues to straighten, let's have him flip backwards. And from then on, mankind will float a little in space. I'M SURE OF IT.

-Eiichiro Oda, 2000





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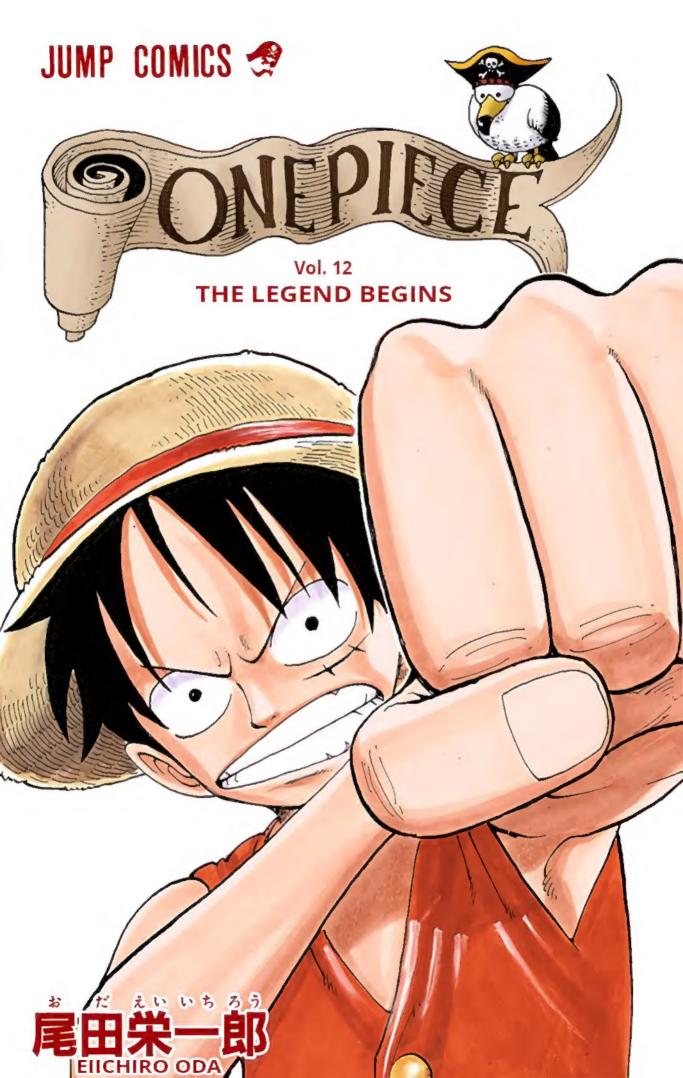


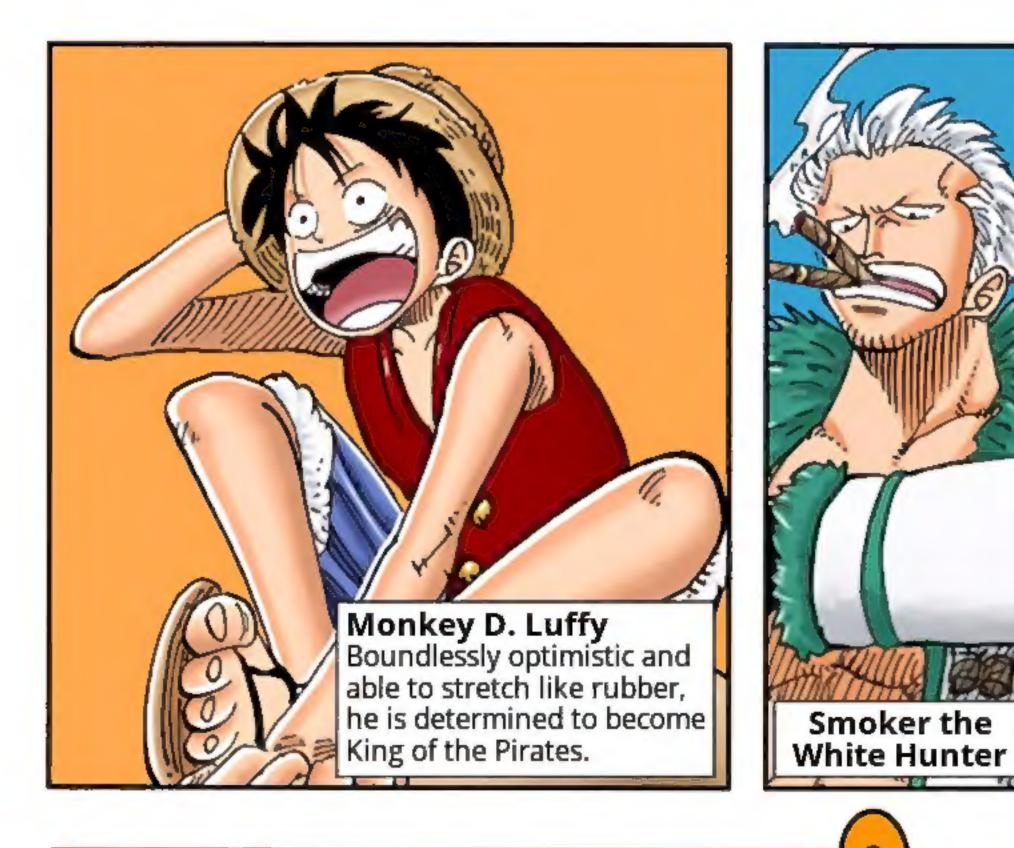
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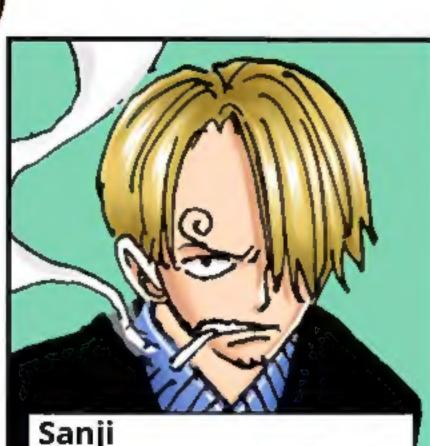
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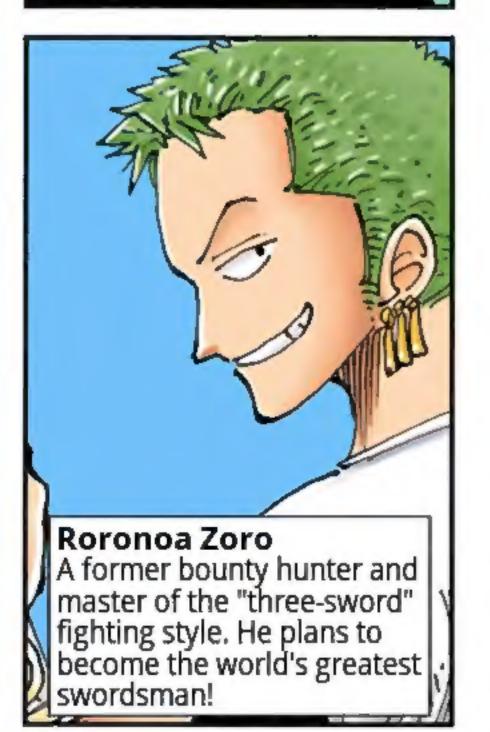




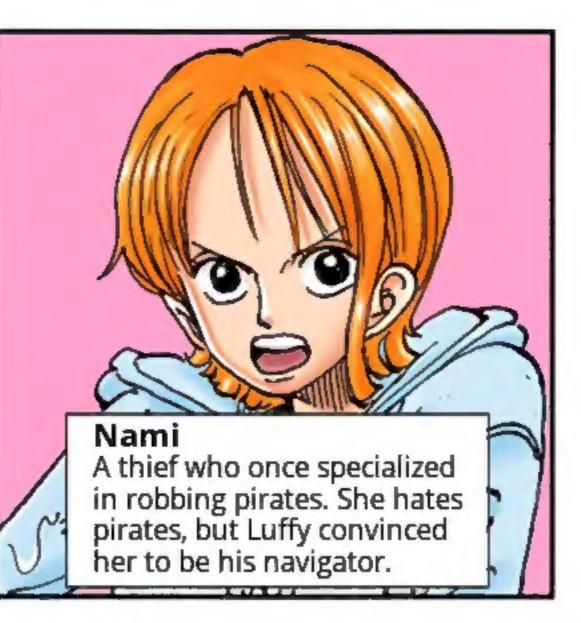
n order to make Nami smile again, Luffy challenges Arlong to a climactic battle. His furious attack destroys Arlong Park and frees Nami and the people of Cocoyashi Village. Having defeated the monstrous Arlong, Luffy and his crew set sail. Luffy is overjoyed to discover that he is known the world over as a wanted pirate, with a bounty on his head. As they near the Grand Line, they stop at Loguetown where the pirate king, Gold Roger, met his fate. Luffy climbs onto the execution scaffold to see Gold Roger's final view, when the beautifully transformed Alvida and Buggy the Clown appear. They capture Luffy and prepare to execute him publicly. But in the instant before what seems to be certain death, Luffy laughs, just as Gold Roger had before he died.

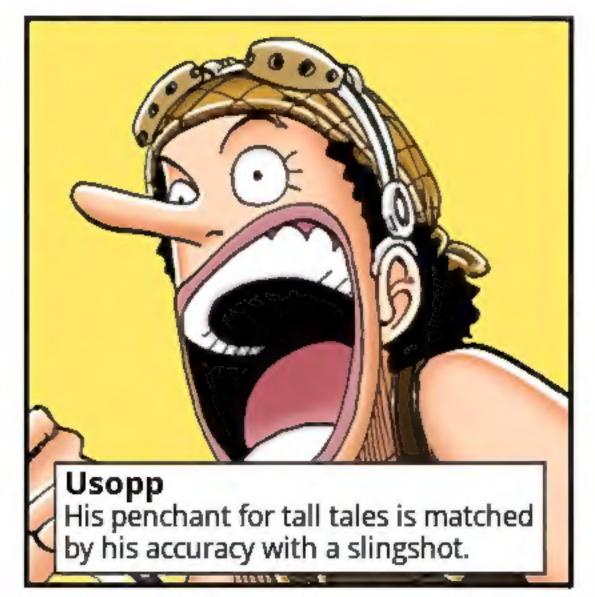


The kind-hearted cook (and ladies' man) whose dream is to find the legendary sea, the "All Blue."

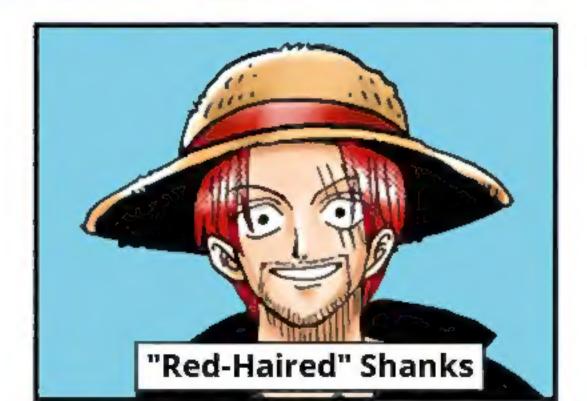












NE PIECE Volume 12 onkey D. Luffy started **V** out as just a kid with a dream—and that dream was to become the greatest pirate in history! Stirred by the tales of pirate "Red-Haired" Shanks, Luffy vowed to become a pirate himself. That was before the enchanted Devil Fruit gave Luffy the power to stretch like rubber, at the cost of being unable to swim—a serious handicap for an aspiring sea dog. Undeterred, Luffy set out to sea, and recruited some crewmates: master swordsman Zoro, treasure-hunting thief Nami, lying sharpshooter Usopp, and Sanji, the high-kicking chef.



# THE STORY



# **THE LEGEND BEGINS**

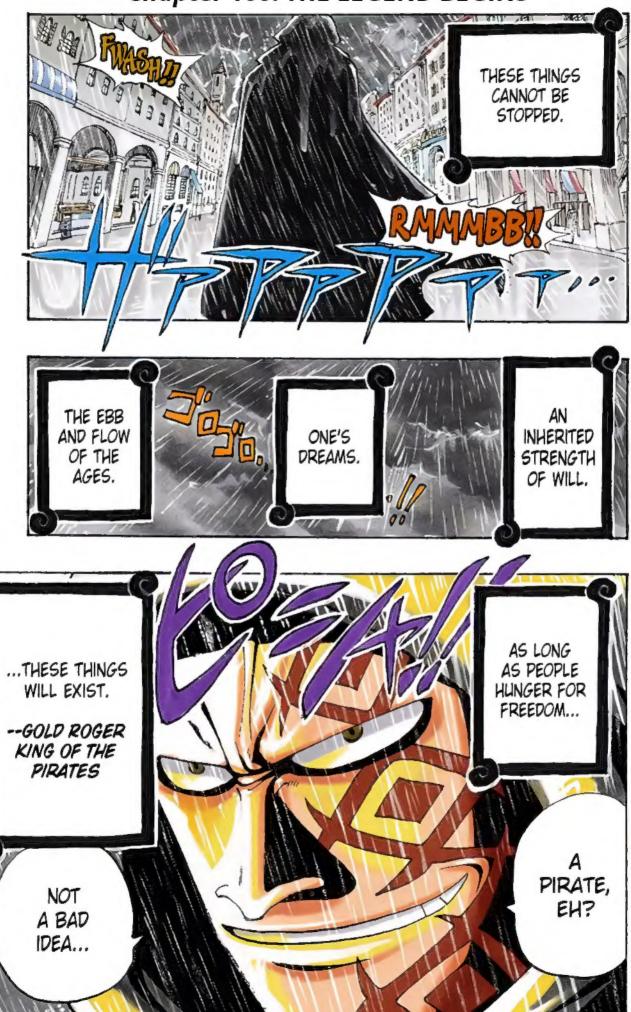
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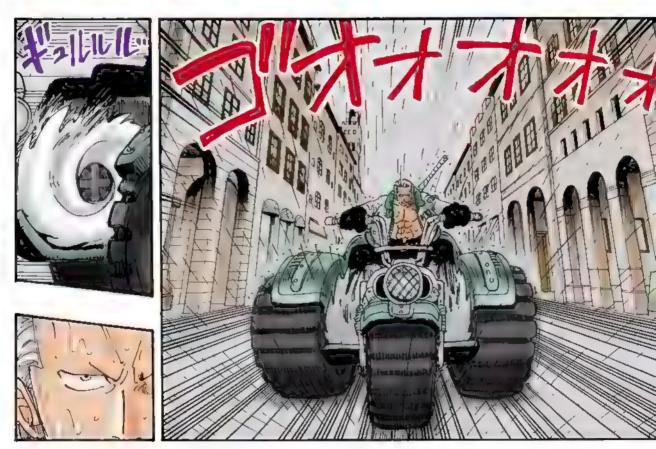












IT'S A PRISON BULLET DEVELOPED BY THE MARINES FOR USE AGAINST DEVIL FRUIT PEOPLE. NOW WE'RE JUST COMMON CRIMINALS!

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WHAT IS THIS LOUSY STEEL NET, ANYWAY? AND WHAT WAS THAT WEIRD WEAPON HE USED?

























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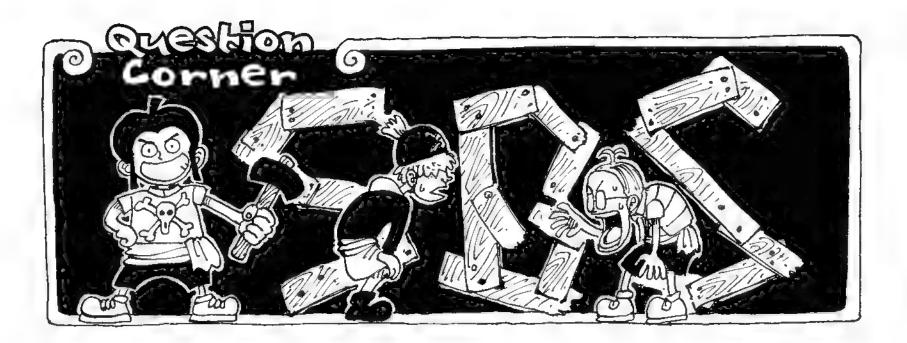












- Reader: Timmy Ueda of the SBS Takeover Gang, please make me, Martha Shimoda, one of your cohorts! I'll do anything! First off, I'll begin the SBS! Yeah! How do you like that, Timmy? I've started it!♡
  - Oda: ...!! Aaaah! He's done it again!! Darn you, Timmy! And darn you, Timmy's new cohort! Darn!
- Reader: Hello, Oda Sensei. Today I trained hard once more at kendo. If I continue to practice, will I be as strong as Sanji someday?
  - Oda: Darn that Timmy! Are you one of his cohorts, too? Are you!? You're not? Oh! Sorry. I'm sorry you got caught up in my tirade. Let's see. Will you become as strong as Sanji if you practice hard at kendo? Of course not! He's got nothing to do with kendo! Oh no, I've lost my cool again! BE COOL. BE COOL.
- Reader: How do you do? I like Luffy the best. I like Sanji second best. I like the way Sanji talks: Darn old man ⇒ Crap-geezer Darn guys ⇒ Crap-heads Darn tasty ⇒ Crap-good He's so vulgar. Can I change Sanji's ranking?
  - Oda: I guess it can't be helped. Right, it can't be helped.

# Chapter 101: REVERSE MOUNTAIN



DIARY OF KOBY-MEPPO, VOLUME 16: "OBSTRUCTION OF OBSTRUCTION OF BOMBARDMENT OBSTRUCTION"



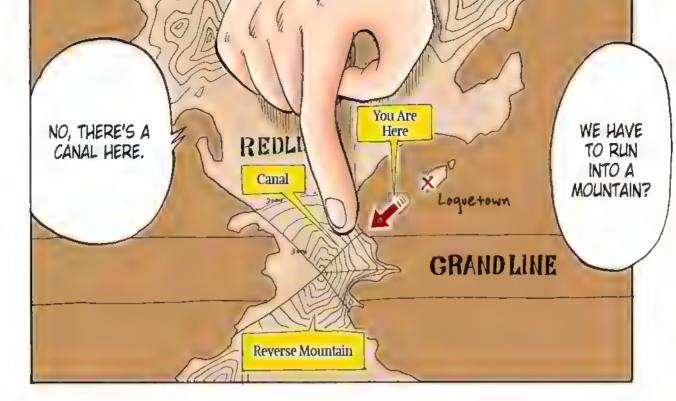






























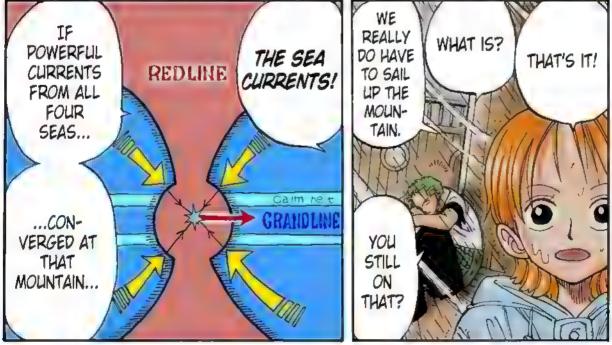




















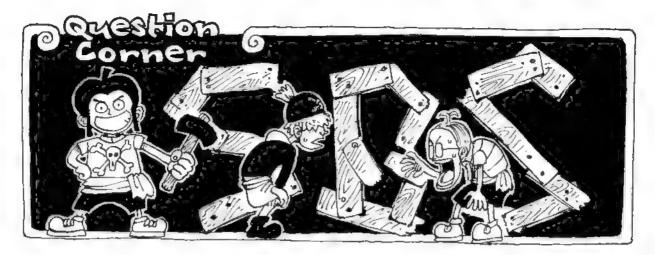












- Q: Here's a question for Oda Sensei. Zoro, Sanji, and Nami look too young to be drinking alcohol. Should they be doing that?
- A: No.
- Q: I don't usually do things like this, but I just had to send this to you. Here's a challenge for you. Try saying these words three times: akatakoashikiken, kitakoashikiken, chatakoashikiken.\* (Please print this in the SBS.)
- A: Oh, a tongue twister, eh? This one's easy. Ready and...

## AchakaBatasaBadarappa!!! Okay, next.

- Q: Oda Sensei, I've always wanted to ask you this. At the end of the Japanese volume, it says that photocopying without permission from the author is an infringement of copyright, but is it okay to photocopy things like the class schedule? Please tell me. From Koby's cheerful friend no. 3.
- A: The illustrations on that page are rather complicated, but I've already gotten permission from the various parties, so it's okay. As far as the class schedule is concerned, I got word from people saying, "At our school, we have eight periods." Please, give me a Break. I'm sorry. I guess your studies must keep you very Busy...

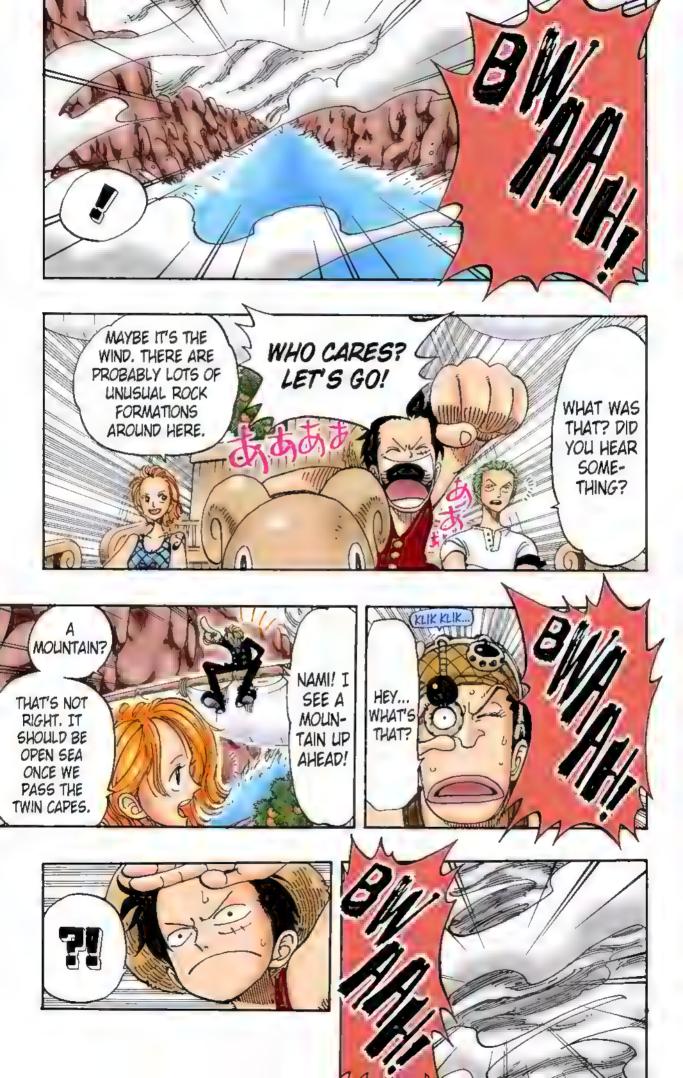
\*These three tongue twisters play on the name of Hachi's Tentacle-Sword Overload (takoashi kiken) attack, which itself is a play on the Japanese term for the dangers of plugging too many appliances into an outlet. --Ed.

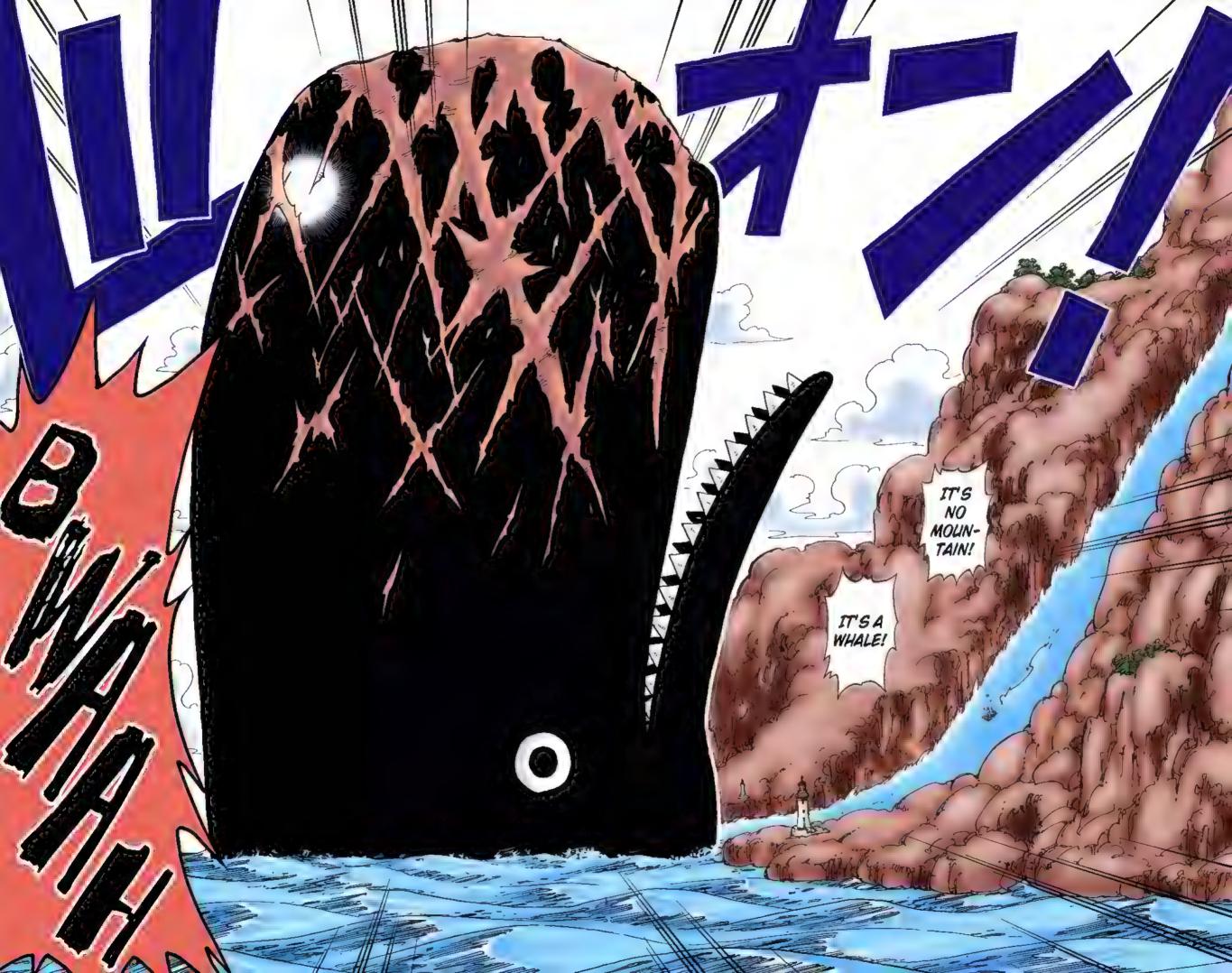
## Chapter 102: AND NOW, THE GRAND LINE



DIARY OF KOBY-MEPPO VOLUME 17: "HELPMEPPO'S DETERMINATION"





















AM I DEAD?













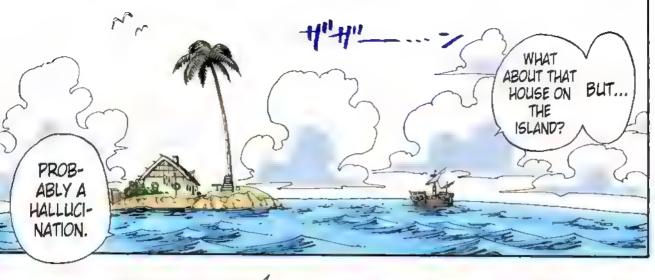














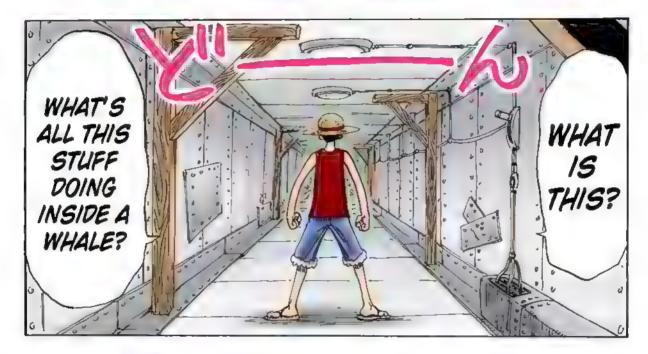














## Chapter 103: THE WHALE













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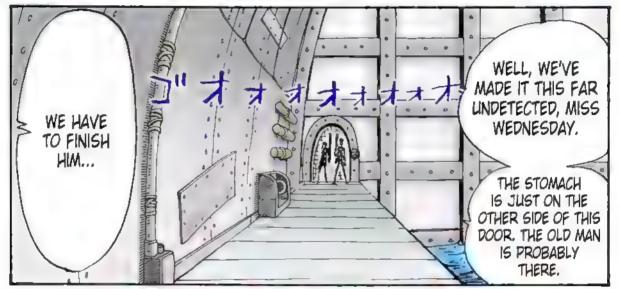
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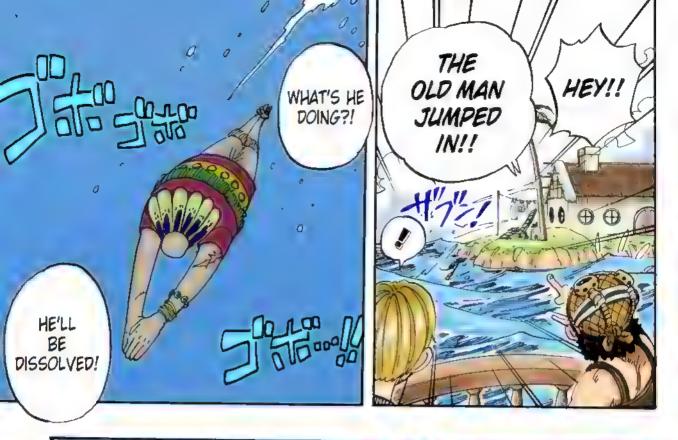








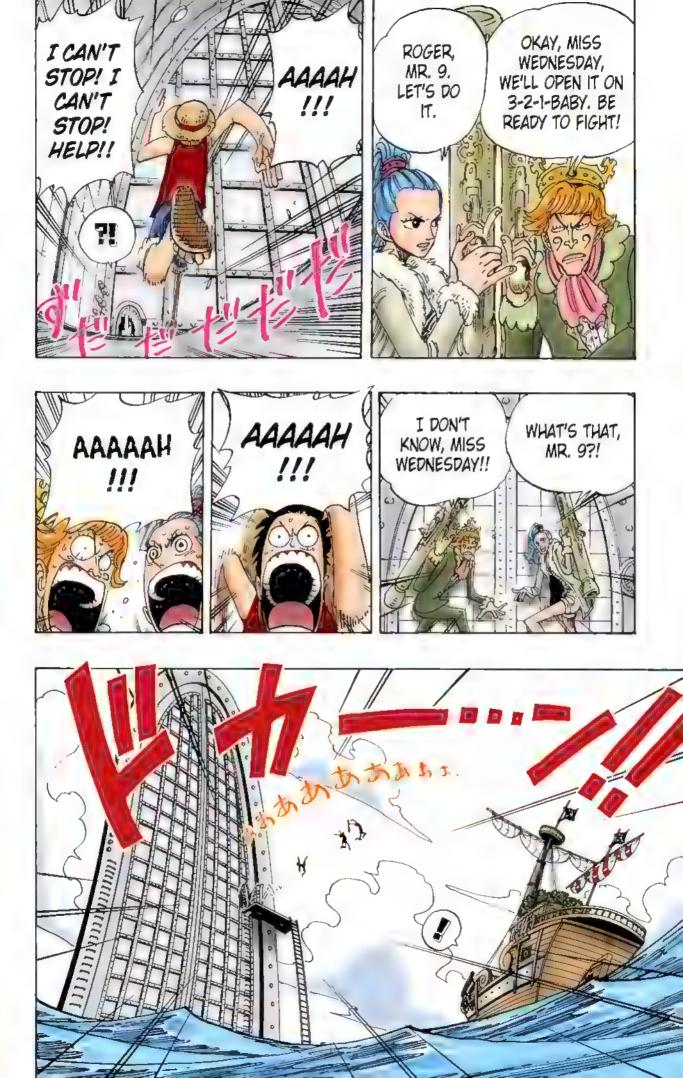












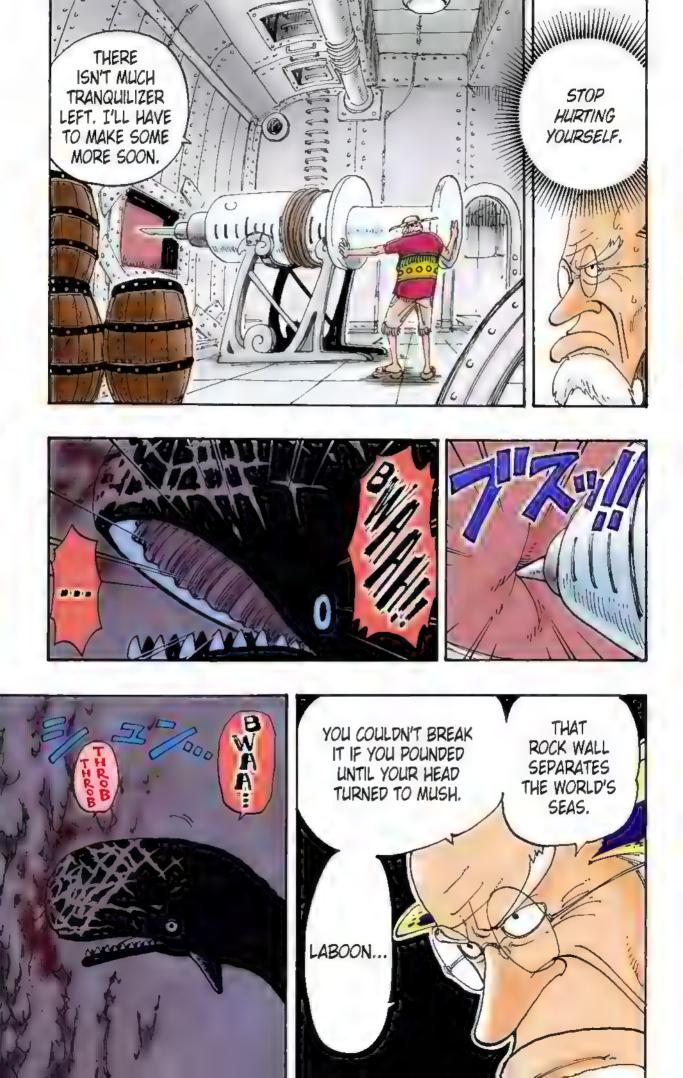








STOP IT; LABOON.













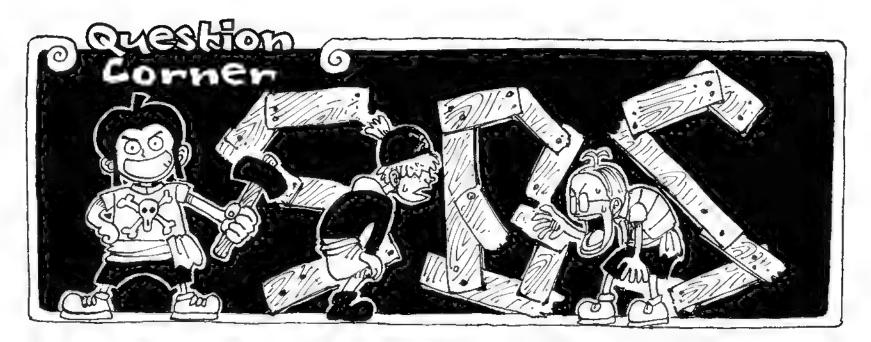












- Q: How often do you get fan letters? Is it weekly? If I mailed one on November 1, when would you receive it? Please let me know.
- A: In Japan, fan letters go to Shueisha's Weekly Shonen Jump Editorial Department. Then, some part-timers sort the mail by author, and my editor brings me my letters each week. So if you're lucky, I might get your letter the day it arrives in the Editorial Department. Normally, I get them within a week or two.

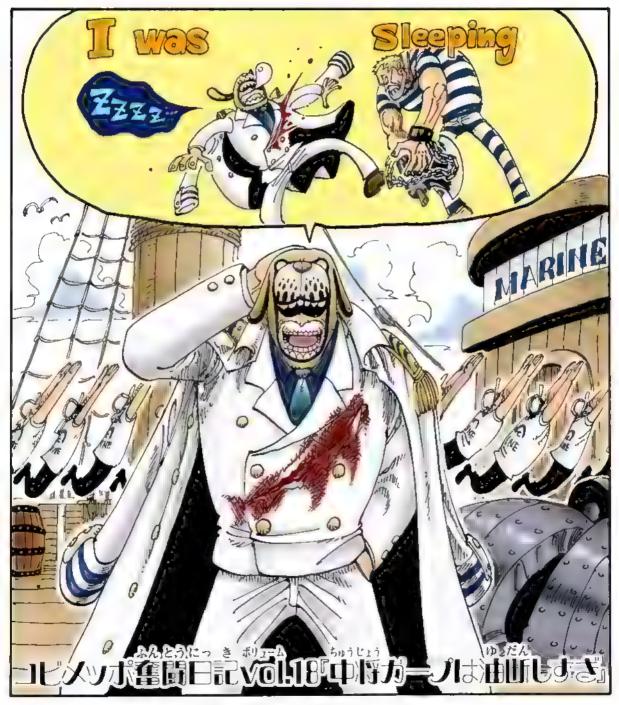
(Outside Japan, the mail will take longer. Readers should send letters to the address below. --Ed.)

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- Q: In volume 7, you wrote that you wear the same expression as your characters when you draw them, but is that true when you draw Nami's sexy expressions, too? Do you wear that "Mmm" expression?
- A: Why of course. The sexiness of my expressions surpasses even those of the magazine queens-according to the town gossips.
- Q: Hey, Ei-chan,\* this is the first time I'm writing. (Giggle!) This is embarrassing. I have a question for you. Buggy the Clown comes apart, right? Does that go for all of his parts? Don't draw anything else until you've answered my question!!
- A: Yes, that goes for all of his Body parts.

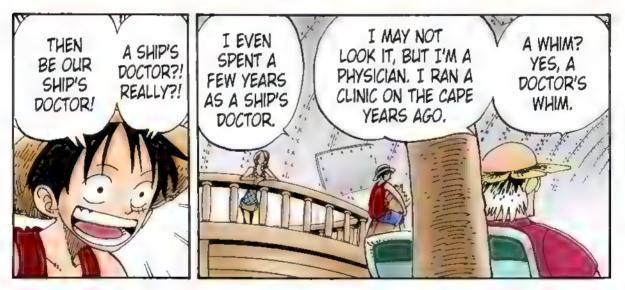
(\*"Ei" is short for Eiichiro. The reader is being playful here by adding the very informal "-chan" after it. --Ed.)

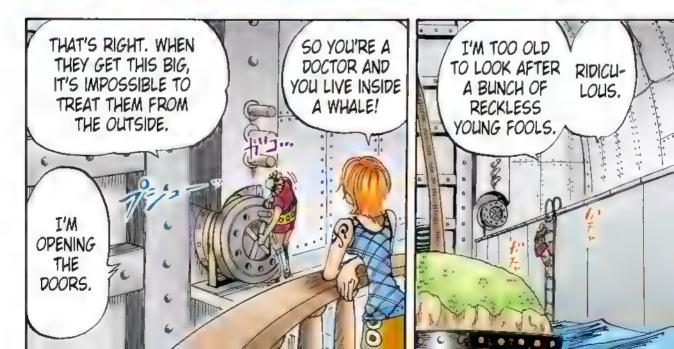
## Chapter 104: CAPE PROMISE



DIARY OF KOBY-MEPPO VOLUME 18: "VICE ADMIRAL GARP'S NEGLIGENCE"

















HE'LL BE WAITING FOR THEM TILL THE END OF TIME.







I HAVE

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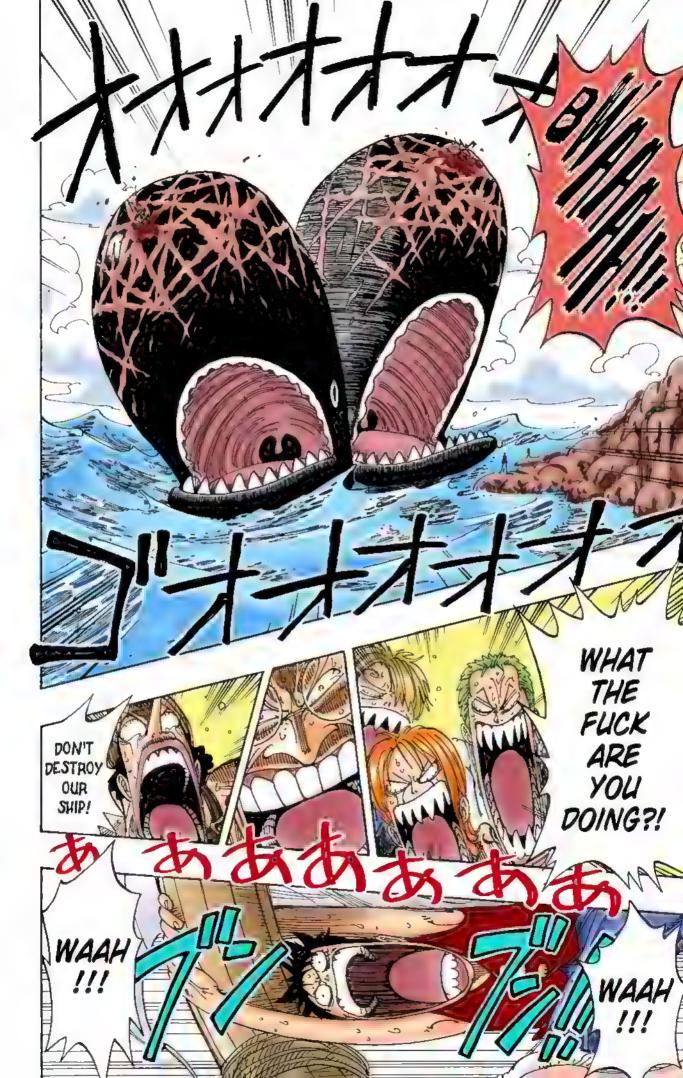






















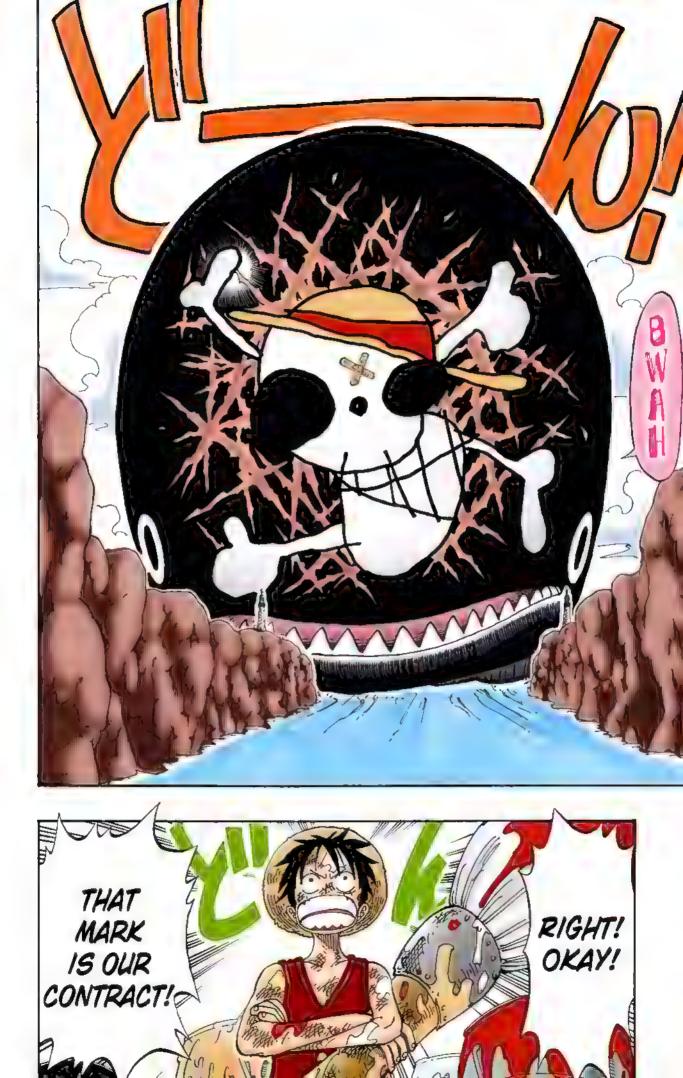


- Q: I'm president of the International Somewhat Cool Hair Federation. Chef Zeff of the restaurant ship has cool hair color, length, and luster--all really cool!! So Chef Zeff has been chosen as the 41st Somewhat Cool Hair Champion! Congratulations! Oda Sensei, may we please have your comments!?
- A: Well, I'm curious about the other 40 champions.
- Q: I've mulled this over for some time. How...how can Arlong wear finger rings when he's got webbed fingers? Please tell me.
- A: He sticks them right into his fingers. They're more like pierced rings than normal rings.
- Q: Brrrring... Brrring... Click... Umm...hello? Is this Mino@nta\*? Listen to this... Huh? You're not Mino@nta? Huh? Oda Sensei? Oh, sorry. Wrong number... Click... Beep... Beep... Beep...
- A: It's Okay ...
- Q: (Episode I) Help, Oda Baby!
  I think this guy named Yamada who lives next door is a Fish-Man!
  I mean, he's got gills on his face. Huh? I feel a sudden chill. Maybe
  I turned the air conditioner up too high. I-I sense something there...
  Vwmm (the sound of a light saber being activated).
  To be continued...
- A: I'm not saving you.

## DIARY OF KOBY-MEPPO VOLUME 19: "MORGAN ALONE"



## Chapter 105: LOG POSE





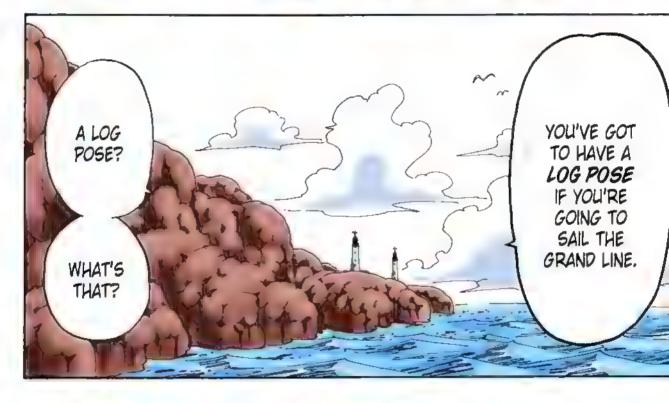




















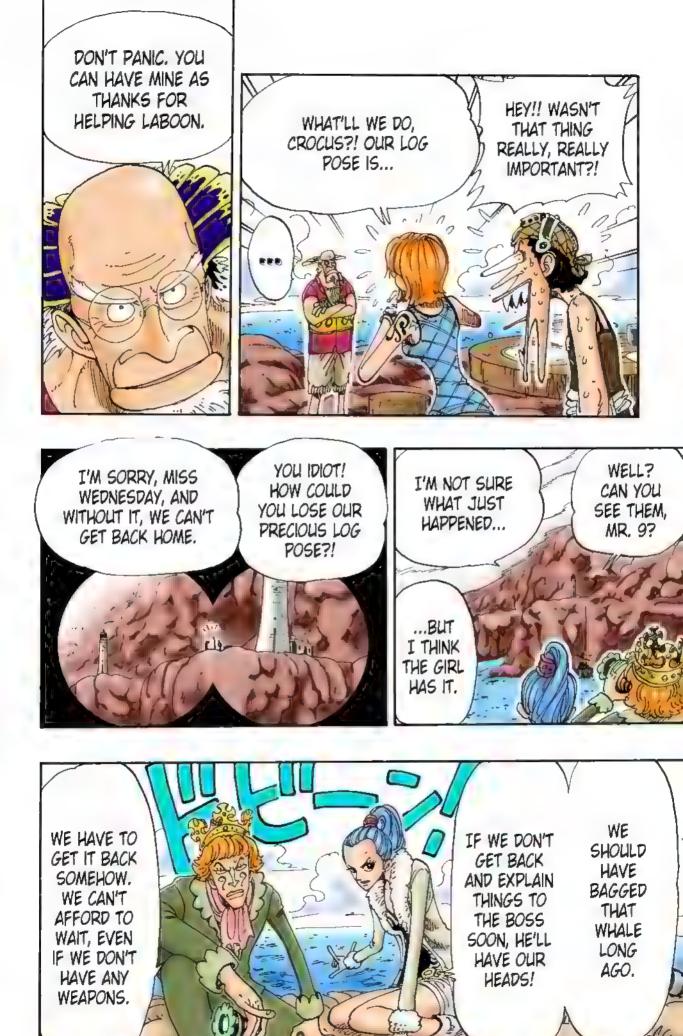


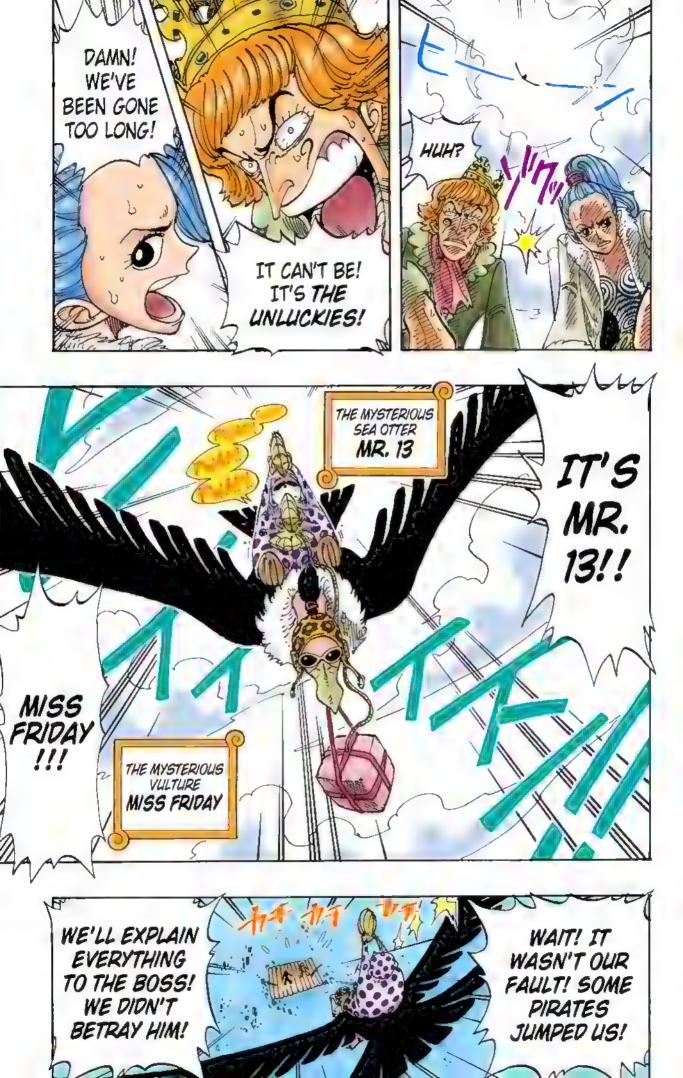








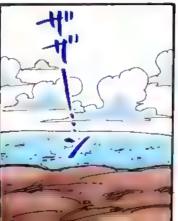






































- Q: To what extent can Buggy split himself up? I've been thinking about it so much that I've let my hair grow for three days straight.
- A: Buggy, eh? Well, I'll just say, into Big chunks. Too small and he'd lose control of himself. But that aside, since you've Been growing your hair, why don't you enter the Cool Hair Contest that came up earlier?
- Q: All right! Let's start the SBS Corner!
- A: Bwah ha ha ha! Yay! I brought that up right out of the blue! Surprised? There have been a lot of postcards like that lately. And postcards like this:
- Q: On page 78 of volume 9, the panel shows the kanji characters koi (love) and sake (rice wine), but you didn't mean koi (carp) and sake (salmon), did you? I mean, you wouldn't do that, would you? By the way, what kind of Fish-Men are they?
- A: That's such old material, I can't remember. Umm... Anyway...
- Q: Hello! This postcard is to Oda Sensei, who else? Oh, I forgot to introduce myself. I'm Timmy Maiko! Does the name "Timmy" ring a bell? That's right, it's just like Timmy Ueda! I'm Ueda's younger sister. My brother owes you for volume 10. This time, I'm writing the thank you postcard. I'm the *hee-hee* ♥ loving sister, and that's where I'll stop before Oda Sensei puts an end to this. After all, I am a member of the SBS hijacking gang.

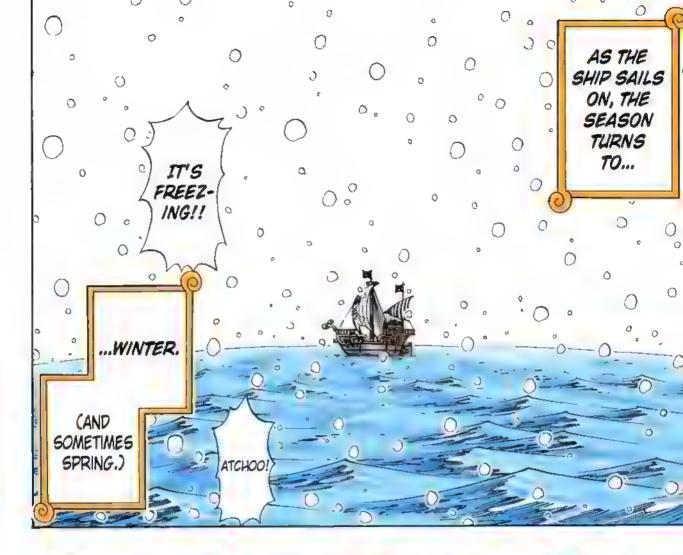
## SBS is over!

A: Aaargh! Not again! Why, you--Timmy!

## Chapter 106: THE TOWN OF WELCOME



DIARY OF KOBY-MEPPO, PART 20: "HELMEPPO'S RETURN"









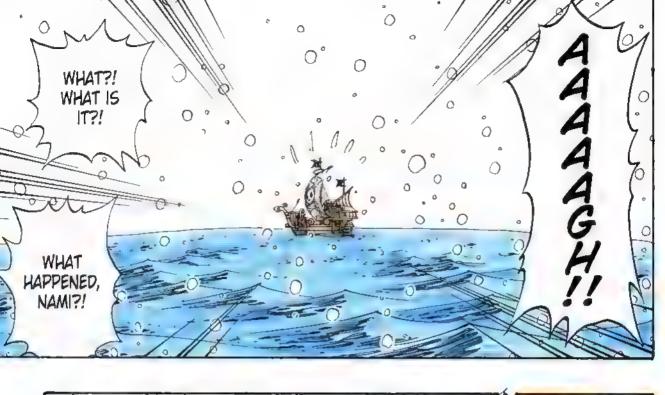
































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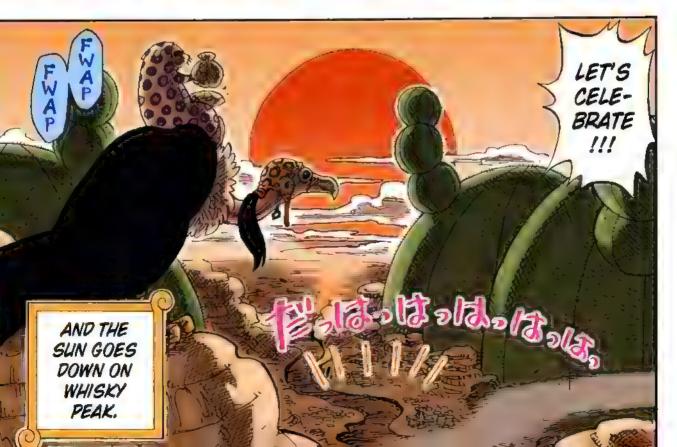




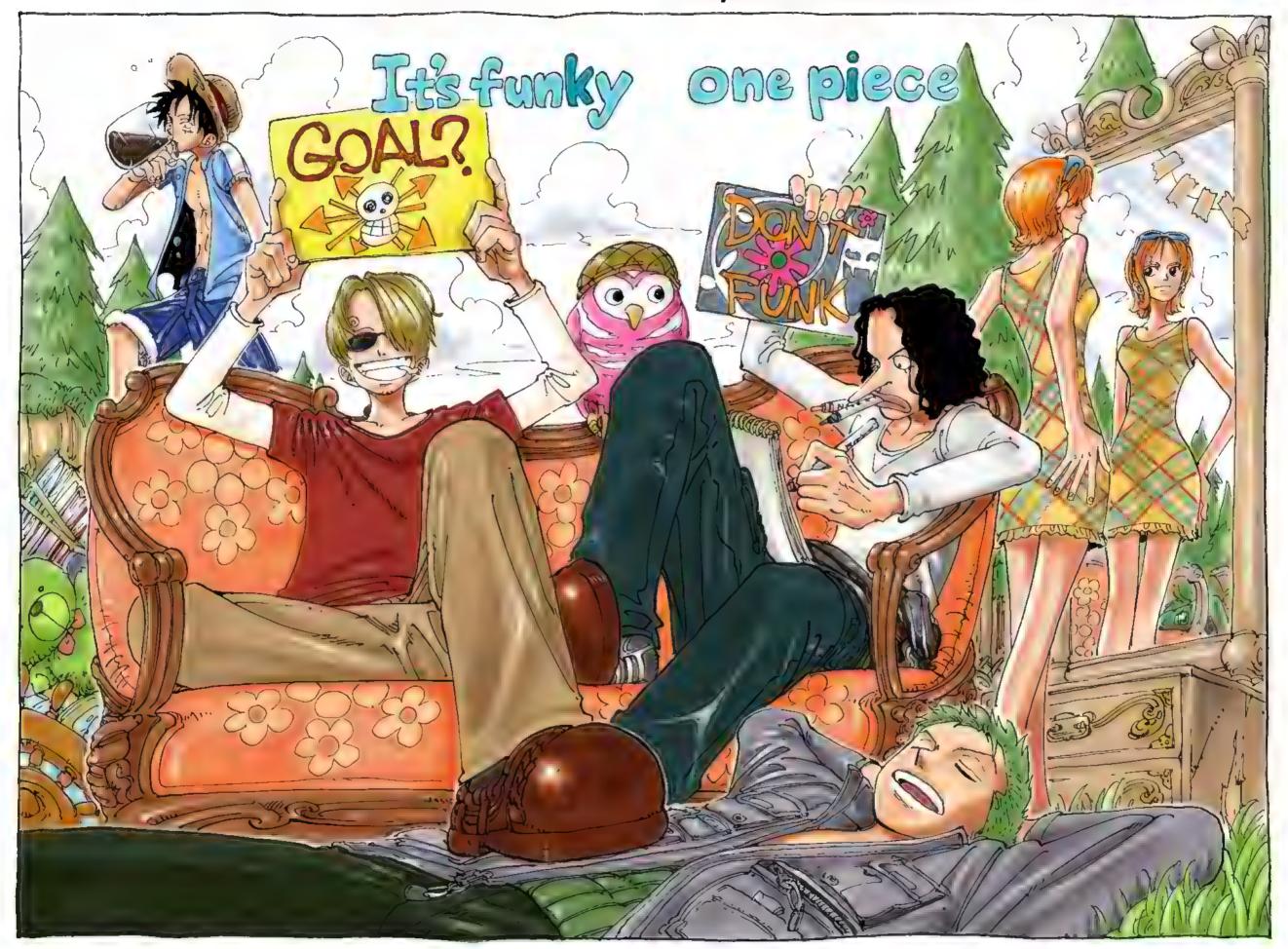








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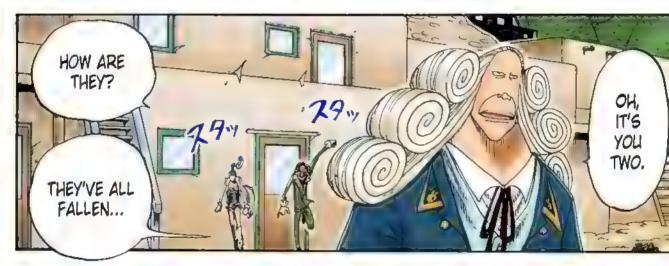






...BRAVE ADVENTUR-ERS.





























...YOUR THERE'S LONG ORGANI-TOTAL AGO, ZATION YOU SECRECY WHEN I TRIED TO EVEN WITHIN WAS IN RECRUIT USE YOUR YOUR ME. CODE-RANKS. LINE OF NATURALLY. NAMES. WORK .... I TURNED YOU DOWN.

















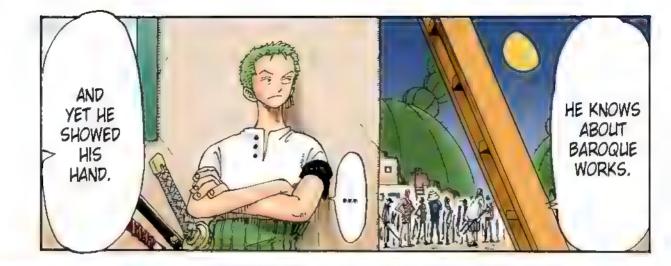


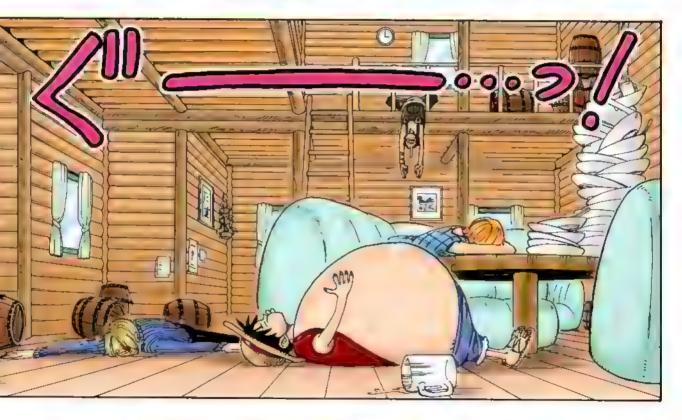
## Chapter 108: 100 BOUNTY HUNTERS



DIARY OF KOBY-MEPPO VOLUME 21: "APOLOGY"















































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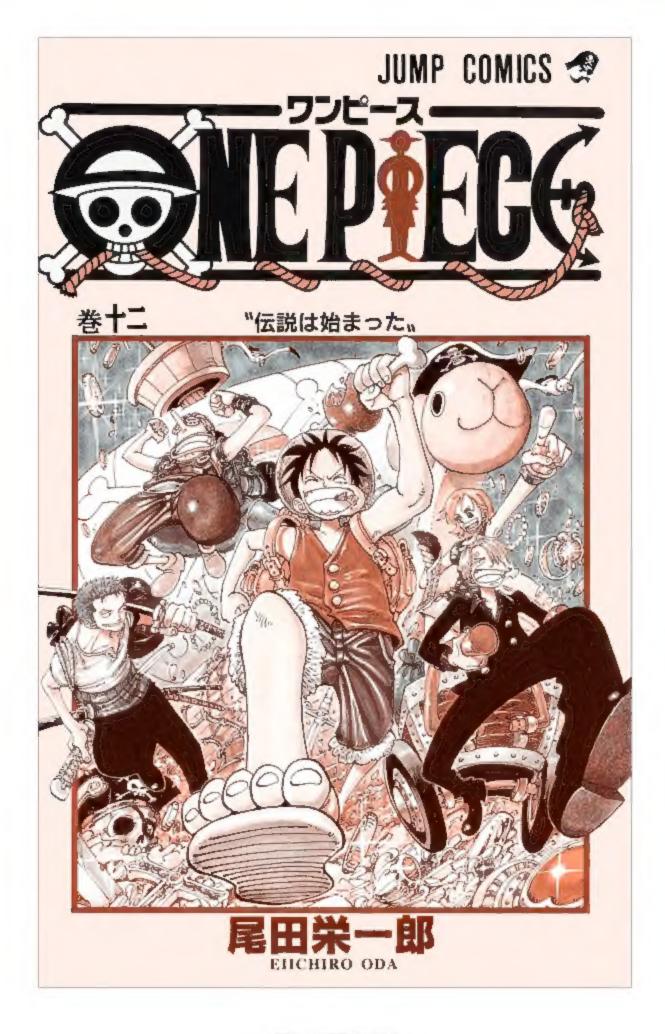
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